

coating a pattern by discharging the composition of claim 1 from a head by an ink-jet method; and

forming at least one luminescent layer for a certain color by conjugating the precursor of the conjugated organic polymer compound.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-14 and 16-31 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 18 are amended. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

I. WITHDRAWN CLAIMS

The Office Action recommends claim 18 be amended in order to rejoin withdrawn claims 18-31. Claim 18 is amended in accordance with the Examiner's recommendations. Thus, re-entry of these claims is respectfully requested.

II. THE CLAIMS SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF 35 U.S.C. §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 4-14, 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Claim 1 is amended to obviate the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

III. THE CLAIMS DEFINE ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 4-12, 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as unpatentable over WO 98/24271 (hereinafter "WO271"); and claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over WO271. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Complete English-language translations of the priority documents are attached to this Amendment. Submission of the English-language translations of the priority documents

renders the prior art rejections moot. Withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 is respectfully requested.

IV. CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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Appendix
English-language translations of priority documents

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Changes to Claims:

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

1. (~~Three~~Four Times Amended) A composition for an organic EL element for forming at least one luminescent layer having a certain color, said composition comprising:

a precursor of a conjugated organic polymer compound for forming said luminescent layer;

at least one fluorescent dye for changing a luminescence characteristic of the luminescence layer; and

wherein the dye has no substituent that is able to attach to the precursor-polymer.

18. (Amended) A method of manufacturing an organic EL element, comprising the steps of:

coating a pattern by discharging a the composition for an organic EL element containing a precursor of a conjugated organic polymer compound of claim 1 from a head by an ink-jet method; and

forming at least one luminescent layer for a certain color by conjugating the precursor of the conjugated organic polymer compound.

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